

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed October 27, 2008, has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1-23 are rejected. Claims 1, 11, 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

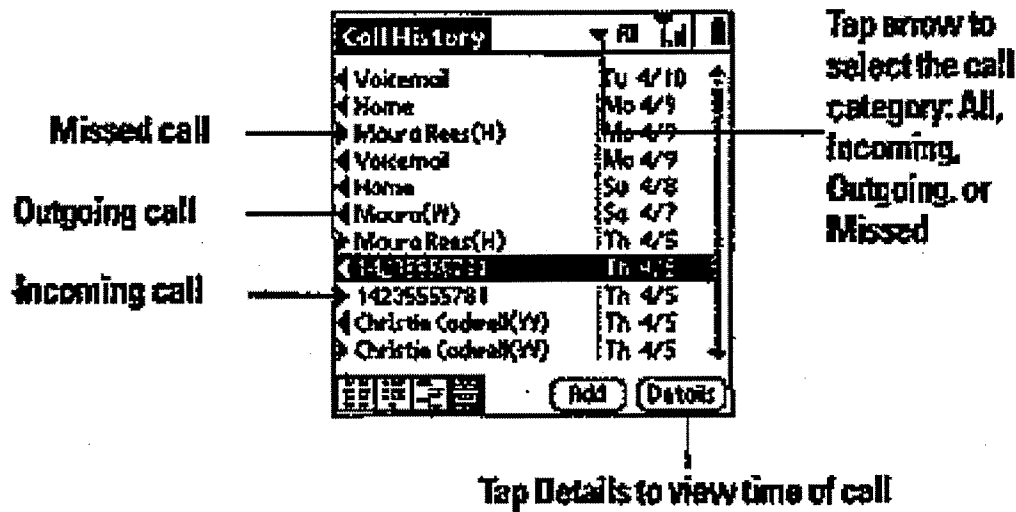
Claims 1-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sprint Online User's Guide PCS Phone Handspring Treo 300 User Guide, known hereinafter as Treo in view of Grossman et al. (U.S. patent No. 2004101 19732 A1) and in further view of Microsoft Middleeast -Windows XP. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sprint Online User's Guide PCS Phone Handspring Treo 300 User Guide, known hereinafter as Treo in view of Grossman et al. (U.S. patent No. 2004101 19732 A1) and in further view of Microsoft Middleeast -Windows XP as applied to claims 1-8 and 10 above and in further view of SoloMio. Claims 11-16, 18-21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sprint Online User's Guide PCS Phone Handspring Treo 300 User Guide, known hereinafter as Treo in view of Grossman et al. (U.S. patent No. 2004101 19732 A1). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sprint Online User's Guide PCS Phone Handspring Treo 300 User Guide, known hereinafter as Treo in view of Grossman et al. (U.S. patent No. 200410 1 19732 A1) as applied to claims 11-16, 18-21, and 23 above and in further view of SoloMio. The Applicants respectfully disagree but have amended the claims, without disclaimer, to more clearly define the invention.

As amended, Claim 1 recites in part:

- . . . determining a recent item from recently accessed items on a device; wherein the recently accessed items on the device include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; and recent access of contacts;
- replacing the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when the item has an associated contact;
- placing the recent item in a recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;
- generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item within the recent items list; wherein the recent items list includes both recent items that were replaced by a contact and recent items that were not replaced by a contact, the recent items list generated such that recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact more recently received;
- displaying the recent items list; and
- displaying a context menu when the recent item is selected; wherein the context menu includes:
 - in response to determining the recent item was not replaced by a contact, an option to create a new contact for the recent item;
 - in response to determining the recent item was replaced by a contact, an option to pin a selected contact displayed in the recent items list; . . .

In contrast, the cited references do not teach coalescing recent items associated with a contact, determining whether a recent item was replaced by a contact, or pinning recent items related to a contact higher than other items.

The cited references do not teach generating a recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item. In now-amended Claim 1, the Office Action mapped showing a recent item once to Treo. (Office Action, pg. 3; Treo, pg. 94.) Treo shows just the opposite. Treo illustrates the call history list with examples:



Treo, pg. 94. The last two items in Treo's "call history" are from the same person ("Christie Cadwell (W)"). In Treo's diagram, items from the same contact ("Christie") are not coalesced and shown as one item. Accordingly, Treo's display of a list comprising multiple calls from the same contact are not equivalent to a list in which recent items associated with a contact are coalesced.

Additionally, the cited references do not teach a determination of whether a recent item was replaced by a contact. The Office Action mapped a context menu to different aspects of Treo. (Office Action, pg. 3.) For example, creation of a new contact and beaming a contact were mapped to Treo's menu in the contacts list view. (Office Action, pg. 3; Treo, pg. 107.) Other aspects of the recent items list were mapped to Treo's "call history" view. (Office Action, pg. 3.) In Treo, however, a contact menu is kept distinct from a call view menu. When in the contacts view, there is no need to determine whether a recent item was replaced by a contact, because Treo's contacts view only lists contacts. Similarly, in Treo's call history view, there is only one call history menu available. Treo does not perform a determination of whether a

selected item was replaced by a contact. Moreover, Treo does not display options within a context menu based on the outcome of a determination of whether a selected item was replaced by a contact. In short, Treo's menus are determined by the view (call history or contacts), not on a selected item within a view. Accordingly, Treo's call history view and contacts view fail to teach determining a recent item was replaced by a contact.

Further, the cited references do not teach recent items received from a pinned contact being listed higher than items from a standard contact. The Office Action mapped the option to pin a contact to "Microsoft Middleeast -Windows XP." "Microsoft Middleeast -Windows XP" discloses instructions on how "to pin programs to the start menu." (Microsoft Middleeast - Windows XP, pg. 1.) In contrast to pinning "to" a menu, however, Claim 1 requires that recent items received from a pinned contact are listed "higher" than recent items received from a standard contact.

For at least the reasons presented above, Claim 1 is proposed to be allowable. Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn for Claims 2-10 because they depend from a valid base claim.

As amended, Claim 11 recites in part:

- . . . placing the recent item in the recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;
- generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact; and
- displaying the recent items list on the display; and
- displaying a context menu, wherein an option in the context menu depends on whether a selected recent item is replaced by a contact.

For at least the reasons presented above, Claim 11 is proposed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn for Claims 12-17 because they depend from a valid base claim.

As amended, Claim 18 recites in part:

- . . . placing the recent item in a recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;
- generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and wherein a recent item related to a pinned contact is pinned to the top of the recent items list; and
- displaying the recent items list.

For at least the reasons presented above, Claim 18 is proposed to be allowable.


Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn for Claims 19-23 because they depend from a valid base claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned agent for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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